

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

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Invention: AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR COPYING AND CREATING BLOCK-LEVEL INCREMENTAL BACKUPS OF LARGE FILES AND SPARSE FILES

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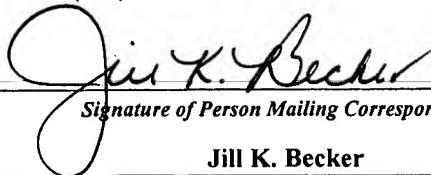
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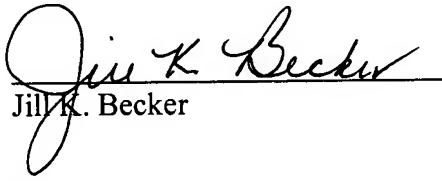
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**Response To Office Action Under Rule 116**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 3, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

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